The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"So far as I am aware, all the action to be taken has been taken already."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the report is still pending with the Government for the last 8 years or has been lodged ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"The matter has been disposed of. All action, the Government wanted to take, has been taken already."

Village Establishments

Jamabandi allowance to village menials in Gudiyattam taluk.

*1455 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : With reference to the answer to question No. 451 answered on 9th October 1928 regarding the jamabandi allowance to village menials of Gudiyattam taluk for fasli 1336, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the report called for from the Board has been received and if so whether he will be pleased to lay it on the table of the House with the orders of Government thereon ?

A.—Copies of the reports [a] from the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1928 and 12th October 1928, and of G.O. No. 2781, Revenue, dated 27th November 1928, are laid on the table.

Water-rate

Alleged prohibition of baling water for irrigation from the Manjalnathi river.

*1456 Q.—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the ryots of Punvaramkottai and Karattupatti villages in Nilakottai taluk, Madura district, had ever since the formation of those villages enjoyed the right of irrigating their fields by baling water from the Manjalnathi flowing east of Manjal anicut in Butlagundu ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that water-rates had been levied from them for the use of water of the river both for single and double crops ;

(*c*) whether they were at any time prohibited from using this water ; and

(*d*) whether such prohibition extends to their baling water from springs caused by the deepening of the bed of the river in certain places ?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have no information on the subject A report has been called for.

Wild animals

Loss of lives of men and animals in the villages adjoining Gumsoor forests by tigers.

*1457 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any information about the loss of lives of men and animals in the villages adjoining the Gumsoor forests by tigers ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 112–114 infra.